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C O N F I D E N T I A L THE HAGUE 840

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EAID, EFIN, NL, CI

SUBJECT: GON RELATES POLITICAL PRISONER ISSUE WITH  
RESCHEDULING OF CHILEAN DEBTS

1. PRESS REPORTS STATEMENTS MADE IN PARLIAMENT BY  
DEVELOPMENT AID MINISTER PRONK FEB 14 REGARDING GON POSITION  
IN CHILEAN DEBT RESCHEDULING TALKS NEXT WEEK IN PARIS. HE  
REPORTEDLY SAID GON WILL RAISE ISSUE OF TORTURE OF POLI-  
TICAL PRISONERS IN TALKS; ALSO, NOTING THAT DUTCH OFFICIAL  
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AID TO CHILE HAD BEEN FROZEN SINCE MILITARY COUP, HE SAID GON

WOULD ADOPT SAME ATTITUDE TOWARDS CONSOLIDATION OF CHILEAN DEBTS.

2. SINCE WINCKEL AND LEDERBOER OF FIN MINISTRY BOTH ABSENT, WE APPROACHED WITTE OF MFA FOR BACKGROUND. HE REFERRED TO FACT THAT BIAS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS HAS LONG BEEN PART OF DUTCH PSYCHE AND IS OPENLY SUPPORTED BY PRESENT GOVT. IN GENERAL TERMS GON CONSIDERS DEBT RELIEF A FORM OF AID. IN PARLIAMENTARY EXCHANGE PRONK WAS RECIPIENT OF POINTED QUESTIONS AGAINST PRESENT GOC AND FELT FORCED TO TAKE ABOVE POSITION. GOVT IS NOW COMMITTED FOR BETTER OR WORSE TO FOLLOW THROUGH ON POSITION THUS TAKEN. WITTE OBSERVED IT IS HIGHLY DIFFICULT TO RELATE SUCH MATTERS TO ECONOMIC/FINANCIAL PROCESSES SUCH AS DEBT RESCHEDULING AND WAS AT LOSS TO SPECULATE ABOUT EFFECT OF DUTCH POSITION ON NEGOTIATION. HE HOPED THAT SOME FORMULA MIGHT BE FOUND IN PARIS TO RELATE ISSUES IN WAY WHICH MIGHT MOLLIFY DUTCH PARLIAMENT BUT HE EXPECTED IT TO BE VERY DIFFICULT. HE FELT THIS PROBLEM WAS NEW EXPERIENCE FOR DUTCH IN INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS.

3. WE UNDERSTAND LEDEBOER WILL REPRESENT FIN MINISTRY AT PARIS MEETING AND G.A. POSTHUMUS FROM WITTE'S STAFF WILL CARRY THE BALL UNDER PRONK'S INSTRUCTIONS. WITTE STATED THAT GIST OF THIS NEW SITUATION HAD BEEN PASSED TO DUTCH EMBASSIES IN APPROPRIATE CAPITALS TO WARN PARTICIPATING GOVTS OF THIS DEVELOPMENT.  
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